

## Senate Resolution 376

By: Senators Zamarripa of the 36th, Moody of the 56th, Weber of the 40th and Hill of the 32nd

**ADOPTED SENATE****A RESOLUTION**

1 Creating the Senate Atlanta County and Milton County Study Committee, and for other  
2 purposes

3 WHEREAS, Fulton County encompasses many different and diverse communities; and

4 WHEREAS, there currently exist within Fulton County ten separate municipalities, including  
5 the Cities of Atlanta, Alpharetta, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Mountain  
6 Park, Palmetto, Roswell, and Union City; and

7 WHEREAS, the municipalities within Fulton County are individually of historic importance  
8 to their communities and to the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, rising property taxes and the desire for more efficient government are concerns  
10 for many citizens of Fulton County; and

11 WHEREAS, the services offered by Fulton County and these municipalities are often  
12 duplicative; and

13 WHEREAS, the residents of Fulton County and the municipalities therein would benefit  
14 from a consolidation of certain services; and

15 WHEREAS, it is desirable the historic nature of the municipalities in Fulton County be  
16 preserved in the event of consolidation; and

17 WHEREAS, certain aspects of government and services can be best served by local  
18 governments and organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, there are numerous residents in Georgia and in the United States that have been  
20 well served by the consolidation of services and governments, including the residents of  
21 Athens-Clarke County, Columbus-Muscogee County, and Augusta-Richmond County in

1 Georgia, and also residents of Miami-Dade County in Florida and the five Boroughs of New  
2 York City, including, without limitation, the creation of the new counties potentially named  
3 Atlanta County in the south and Milton County in the north portions of present Fulton  
4 County; and

5 WHEREAS, there are many possibilities for consolidation of governments or services in  
6 Fulton County, which ought to be discussed so as to provide the residents of Fulton County  
7 with the best form of government and the most efficient delivery of services possible.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate  
9 Atlanta County and Milton County Study Committee to be composed of five members of the  
10 Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments. The Senate Committee on  
11 Assignments shall designate one member of the committee from each major political party  
12 as cochairpersons of the committee. The chairpersons shall call all meetings of the  
13 committee.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the issues  
15 discussed above and other related matters and recommend any action or legislation which the  
16 committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct such meetings at  
17 such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise  
18 fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and  
19 purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee shall receive the allowances  
20 provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The  
21 allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the  
22 committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. The funds  
23 necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds  
24 appropriated to the Senate. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and  
25 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be  
26 made on or before December 31, 2005. The committee shall stand abolished on December  
27 31, 2005.